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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES REGARDING H.R. 11624, NOVEMBER 16, 1971.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I appreciate this opportunity to appear before you today to discuss the Department's proposed bill providing an increased authorization for the conduct of Transpo '72 (H.R. 11624).

Before I discuss the particulars of our request for an increased authorization, I would like to describe briefly the status and scope of Transpo '72. The Exposition is scheduled to be conducted at Dulles International Airport May 27, 1972, through June 4, 1972. Its purpose is to present to the public all forms of transportation equipment, systems, and technologies. More importantly, it will show the relationship and interdependence of all types of transportation with one another. Manufacturers from all over the world are being invited to exhibit their products and technology, and we expect that the Exposition will present the most modern equipment and systems available today, and preview the advanced transportation technology of tomorrow. We expect an audience of approximately one million to attend the Exposition, including about 50,000 from abroad.

As you can see, the scope of the Exposition is not confined to aeronautics. However, aeronautics will play a dominant role

with inflation which accelerated at a rate beyond our expectations, greatly increased our costs above our original estimates.

Among the specific items for which costs have increased are site preparation, utilities installation, sanitary, restaurant and communications facilities, and vehicle parking and control. We have prepared a summary of the changes that have occurred in our cost estimates which we would be happy to supply for the hearing record.

We anticipate that the Exposition will make a considerable contribution to the domestic economy through stimulating the sale of new transportation concepts and systems within our own economy as well as abroad. Also, we are hopeful that the Exposition will help make governments at various levels, industry, and the public aware of a number of solutions offered by technology to our many transportation problems. Therefore, we believe that the additional funds we would expend pursuant to the additional authorization we have requested would be a most productive investment.

Mr. Chairman, we appreciate very much the Committee's quick action in holding these hearings on H.R. 11624, and we urge that you act upon the bill favorably.

That completes my prepared testimony, Mr. Chairman. Now I will be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.